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HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes (approved, 5/19/08)
Monthly Meeting
May 12, 2008

Chairperson Courtney Watson called the monthly meeting to order at 8:33 p.m.. on May 12, 2008, in the C. Vernon Gray Conference Room.

Members present on call to order: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa , and Courtney Watson.

Mike Erskine, Chair of the Horse Park Task Force, presented the Task Force's findings and recommendations to the Council. He noted that the State Department of Agriculture is expected to issue a request for proposals for a site for a horse park soon. The Task Force believes that the 500 acres sought will be a negotiable size. He said that the Task Force relied on the feasibility study done Anne Arundel County when they were considering a horse task force. That County withdrew its bid for the park.

The task force made the following recommendations:

- The County should appoint a site-selection committee
- The County should negotiate with owners of land appropriate for a horse park
- There should be a feasibility study commissioned
- The County should create a foundation to pursue this plan.

Cameron E. Miles, Coordinator of Advocates for Children, a Baltimore-based non-profit with a Statewide interest in advocating for children, briefed the Council on the organizations goals and work. He said that this organization was founded by Susan Leviton, a University of Maryland Baltimore law professor, about twenty years ago. It has an annual budget of \$3 million.

Mr. Miles asked the Council to endorse his program. He said that he was not requesting funding, and endorsement carries no such commitment.

He noted that there would be a rally on June 14 for children.

Ms. Watson reviewd the remaining budget work sessions and schedule for submitting amendments.

Ms. Terassa provided information about MACo's conference and invitation to submit ideas for legislation.

Auditor Haskell Arnold and Administrator Sheila Tolliver presented reports of the activities of Council staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.